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Faculty of Law

JAMM07, Master Thesis, 30 credits

Masteruppsats, 30 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by Faculty of Law Board of education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels on 2016-12-30 and was last revised on 2021-12-01. The revised syllabus applies from 2022-01-17, spring semester 2022.

General Information

The course Master Thesis is a compulsory course in the Master's Programme in International Human Rights Law.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Human Rights

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A2E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (120 credits)

Learning outcomes

The aim of the course is that the students by writing a qualified thesis at an advanced level shall get advanced knowledge of a chosen subject in international human rights law. The aim of the course is furthermore that the students will develop their ability to carry out research and apply the analytical proficiencies, the qualified argumentation and the legal methods that are required for international and national legal work.

Knowledge and understanding

To pass the examination, the student shall demonstrate

- advanced knowledge of the chosen subject and ability to relate it to international human rights law
- advanced knowledge of the theoretical and methodological bases of international human rights law

- advanced knowledge of research with regard to international human rights law.

Competence and skills

For approved examination in the course, the student shall demonstrate the ability to

- at advanced level critically and evaluate and apply knowledge of international human rights law systematically
- identify legal problems independently, critically and creatively, structure arguments and analyse, compare and evaluate theoretical and practical problems in international human rights law
- plan and carry out qualified assignments within given time frames and thereby contribute to the development of knowledge.

Judgement and approach

To pass the examination, the students shall demonstrate

- understanding of the role international human rights play in collaboration between states, individuals and groups
- understanding of the role international, national and regional organisations for international human rights play
- ability to realise possibilities and limitations with international human rights law.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

For each student, a supervisor and an examiner are appointed. The student has the right to individual supervision during the semester when the student is registered for the first time for the thesis. In case of re-registration, supervision is only given to the extent that there are special reasons or if it has been granted by the supervisor.

Assessment

Examination takes place through seminars and writing of a master thesis. An examiner is appointed at the latest when the time for defence seminar is established. Each student shall be opponent at a defence seminar. The defence seminar and opposition constitute compulsory parts of the examination. The examiner should be present at the seminar. If there are special reasons, the supervisor or other teacher can instead be present. The examiner establishes the grade for the thesis.

To carry out the course, the student must also participate in two compulsory seminars during the course.

After the defence seminar, the thesis should in completed form be submitted electronically for publication in the online thesis database.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with credit, Pass with distinction.

B - Pass

For the grade of B, the thesis must achieve the following aims.

Knowledge and understanding

- The description of the legal field and the disciplinary foundation is acceptable even if it has deficiencies.
- The chosen method or methods are applied in a relevant way.
- The thesis contains a survey of relevant research.

Competence and skills

- The research problem is clearly presented. The work is mainly directed towards the research problem and has an acceptable analytical approach even if it is mainly descriptive.
- The work is completed with a degree of independence regarding the source material that contains relevant sources.
- The argumentation is supported in the material and is presented in an acceptable way. The work has an acceptable structure. Citation of sources and references is mainly correct.
- The student has been late in completing the assignment.

Judgement and approach

The presentation shows a basic ability to observe:

- the role that international human rights play in collaboration between states, individuals and groups
- the role that international, national and regional organisations for international human rights play
- possibilities and limitations with international human rights.

BA - Pass with Credit

For the grade of BA, the thesis must achieve the following aims. A minimum requirement is that the aims for the grade of B have been achieved.

Knowledge and understanding

- The thesis contains a correct description of the legal field and a relevant description of the disciplinary foundation.
- The chosen method or methods are applied in a deliberate and relevant way.
- The research in the area is integrated in the thesis.

Competence and skills

- The problem and the research question/questions are well-formulated. The work contains a clear analysis but can be partly descriptive. The presentation is directed towards the problem. The chosen problem contributes to the existing knowledge in some way.
- The analysis is completed independently regarding the source material that contains relevant sources.
- The argumentation is well founded in the material and is presented in a clear way. The work has a clear and logical structure. Citation of sources and references is mainly correct.
- The work is carried out in an organised way and is carried out with a moderate deviation from the agreed time.

Judgement and approach

The presentation shows an ability to observe:

- the role that international human rights play in collaboration between states, individuals and groups
- the role that international, national and regional organisations for international human rights play
- possibilities and limitations with international human rights.

AB - Pass with Distinction

For the grade of AB, the thesis must achieve the following aims. A minimum requirement is that the aims for the grade of BA have been achieved.

Knowledge and understanding

- The thesis contains a correct and solid description of the legal field and is based on a good account of the disciplinary foundation.
- The chosen method or methods are applied in a deliberate and systematic way.
- The research in the area is skilfully integrated in the thesis.

Competence and skills

- The problem and the research question/questions are presented in a structured and clear way. The analysis is consistently well executed. The presentation is clearly delimited and directed towards the chosen problem or problems. The chosen problem contributes to the existing knowledge in some way.
- The analysis is systematically and independently implemented in relation to the source material, which is extensive and contain all relevant sources.
- The argumentation is included, well founded in the material and systematically presented. The work is well written and has a clear and logical structure. Citation of sources and references is correct.
- The work is carried out systematically and purposefully and is mainly carried out within the agreed time.

Judgement and approach

The presentation shows an advanced ability to observe:

- the role that international human rights play in collaboration between states, individuals and groups
- the role that international, national and regional organisations for international human rights play
- possibilities and limitations with international human rights.

Entry requirements

Passed examination of 90 credits from the three first terms of the Master's programme.

Further information

The University views plagiarism as a very serious academic offence, and will take disciplinary actions against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practice in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.

Subcourses in JAMM07, Master Thesis

Applies from V17

- 1601 Master thesis, 30,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with credit, Pass with distinction
- 1602 Electronic submission, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 1603 Obligatory seminars, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 1604 Attendance at obligatory public defenses, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 1605 Public defence, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated
- 1606 Acting as opponent, 0,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Participated